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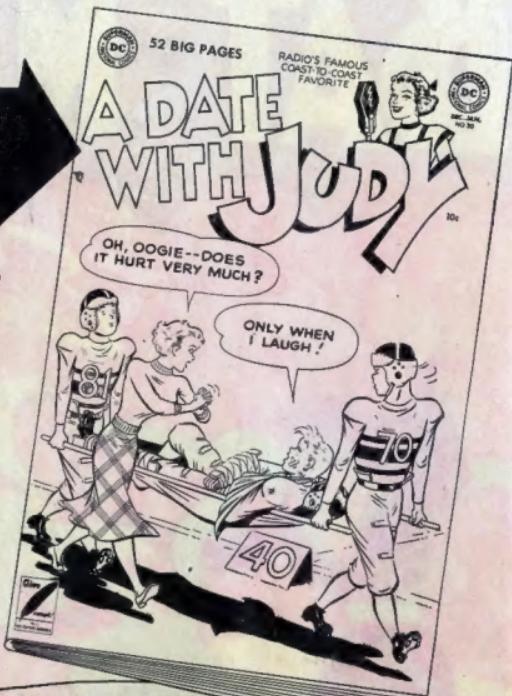


# EVERYBODY-BUT *EVERYBODY*

## WANTS

AND NO WONDER!  
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DIZZIEST, SMARTEST,  
CUTEST GAL WHO EVER  
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MAKE  
A DATE WITH JUDY  
TODAY?



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# BATMAN



WITH  
**ROBIN**

—THE BOY WONDER—

THE

# CATWOMAN IS BACK!

YES, ONCE AGAIN THE PRINCESS OF PLUNDER RETURNS TO BARE HER CLAWS AT **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** AS SHE PLANS CRIMES AS SMOOTH AS A CAT'S FUR! BUT THEN -- SOMETHING HAPPENS! AND EXACTLY WHAT THAT IS WILL ASTOUND YOU AS MUCH AS IT DID THE DYNAMIC DUO! FOR, BEHIND THE DARK, GLITTERING EYES OF THE **CATWOMAN** ARE MYSTERY AND THE ASTONISHING ANSWER TO ...

"The Secret Life of  
the CATWOMAN"

by  
**BOB KANE**



SOMEWHERE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM CITY, AS HARD-FACED MEN LOOK EXPECTANTLY AT A MASKED FIGURE...

HA-HA.. ANOTHER HEADLINE ABOUT US! SO FAR WE'RE DOING FINE, BOYS ... BUT FOR THE OTHER ROBBERIES I'VE PLANNED, I'M GOING TO NEED A PARTNER!

GOT ANYBODY IN MIND, MISTER X?

*GOTHAM NEWS*  
MR. X MOB ROBS CITY BANK!  
NEW GANG CAZAR'S THIRD HAUL THIS WEEK

THEN WE'LL GET HER OUT! YES, I KNOW JUST HOW TO DO IT... AND ONCE **CATWOMAN** IS FREE, NOTHING WILL STOP US! WE'LL EMBARK ON A CRIME WAVE THE LIKES OF WHICH GOTHAM CITY HAS NEVER BEFORE SEEN!



YES-- THE CLEVEREST, MOST DANGEROUS-- AND MOST BEAUTIFUL LADY OF CRIME IN THE COUNTRY-- **THE CATWOMAN!**

CATWOMAN?  
BUT SHE'S IN JAIL!



NEXT DAY, IN THE HOME OF POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON...

GOOD GRIEF, **BATMAN**! LOOK AT THAT HEADLINE ON THE TELEVISION SCREEN! **CATWOMAN'S** OUT-TO COMMIT MORE CRIMES!

CATWOMAN ESCAPES THROUGH DYNAMITED PRISON WALL!

RIGHT, **BATMAN**!

NOT IF WE CAN HELP IT... RIGHT, **ROBIN**?



WHILE ELSEWHERE, IN A SPEEDING CAR-- THAT PRINCESS OF PLUNDER-- THE **CATWOMAN**!

SO YOUR BOSS PLANNED MY JAIL-BREAK, EH? BUT WHY?

HE NEEDS YOU FOR A DEAL, **CATWOMAN**! NOW I GOTTA BLINDFOLD YOU! **MISTER X'S** PLACE HAS TO BE KEPT SECRET-- EVEN FROM YOU!



SOON, **CRIME QUEEN** MEETS **CRIME KING**!

MISTER X, I PRESUME!

CORRECT, **CATWOMAN**... LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS! I'VE GOT MANY JOBS LINED UP FOR MY MOB, BUT IN ORDER TO WORK THEM, THE BOYS MIGHT HAVE TO KILL GUARDS OR WATCHMEN! THAT, I DON'T WANT... I DON'T EVER WANT A MURDER RAP HANGING OVER MY HEAD!





LATER, AS THE **CATWOMAN** AND DIPPER DISCUSS ROBBERY PLANS IN A CRIMINAL HANGOUT...



STEALTHILY, THE MASKED CRIME-BUSTERS CLOSE IN--BUT SUDDENLY...

AH... I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU! MEET MY **RED PERSIAN** ... A CAT NOTED FOR A FIERY TEMPER THAT MATCHES ITS COLOR! BEING COOPED UP HAS MADE IT VERY IRRITATED! HA-HA!

**ROBIN!**  
**WATCH OUT!**



BUT WAIT! FOR A SPLIT INSTANT, THE **CATWOMAN** HESITATES, THEN, LIKE A STREAK OF SABLE LIGHTNING, SHE LEAPS TO **SAVE** BATMAN!

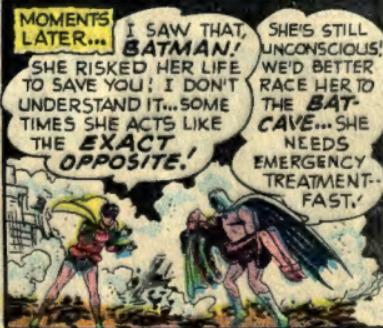
**GET BACK!**  
**BA...**  
**UHH!**

WHAT...



WHILE **ROBIN** PARRIES THE CLAWING CAT, **BATMAN** PURSUES THE FELINE FELON PAST A CONDEMNED BUILDING, WHERE...

OH! A SECTION OF THE WALL IS TOPPLING! **BATMAN** **WILL BE KILLED!**  
I'LL BE ABLE TO ESCAPE NOW!  
I'LL BE FREE!



PRESENTLY, IN THEIR SECRET BAT-CAVE...



THEN, AS HER EYES SNAP OPEN...

WH-WHERE AM I?  
WHERE ARE THE  
PASSENGERS?  
DID WE LAND SAFELY?  
WH-WHO ARE  
YOU?



OH, YES... I'VE READ ABOUT YOU! BUT WHY DID YOU CALL ME "CATWOMAN"? I'M SELINA KYLE... STEWARDESS WITH SPEED AIRLINES, AND--OH--WHY AM I WEARING THIS STRANGE COSTUME?... AND WHY IS YOUR CALENDAR ALL WRONG?... IT WON'T BE 1950 FOR YEARS!



TO TEST HIS THEORY, BATMAN PROJECTS MICRO-FILM SLIDES, COLLECTED FROM NEWSREELS OF PAST CRIME CASES...

THIS IS FROM THE CASE CALLED "NINE LIVES HAS THE CATWOMAN! REMEMBER IT?"

NO! BUT THAT GIRL... IT'S ME! I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND...



ONLY ONE THING STILL PUZZLES ME--YOUR OBSESSION FOR CAT CRIMES!

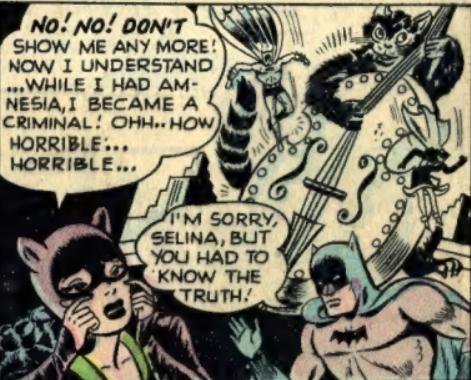
MY DAD ONCE OWNED A PET SHOP, I LEARNED ALL ABOUT CATS FROM HIM, I GUESS, SUBCONSCIOUSLY, I REMEMBERED ABOUT CATS EVEN WHILE HAVING AMNESIA!



I'M ALL MIXED UP! ALL I'M SURE OF IS THAT I FELL OUT THE DOOR JUST AS THE PLANE CRASHED... I HIT MY HEAD AGAINST A BRANCH AND BLACKED OUT!

IF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE, THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE EXPLANATION--AMNESIA! THAT BLOW FROM THE BRANCH MUST HAVE CAUSED IT--AND NOW, THIS SECOND BLOW TO YOUR HEAD HAS RESTORED YOUR MEMORY!

AND AS A PICTURE HISTORY OF THE CATWOMAN'S CRIMES IS SCREENED--"THE DUPED DOMESTICS", "THE CLAWS OF THE CATWOMAN", "THE LADY ROGUES"...



WE'D BETTER GO TO COMMISSIONER GORDON WITH YOUR STORY! TO KEEP THE BATCAVE'S LOCATION A SECRET, WE'LL HAVE TO BLINDFOLD YOU, SELINA!

BLINDFOLD? THAT WORD--SO FAMILIAR-- SOMETHING IMPORTANT! WAIT--I REMEMBER, DIPPER--THE SECRET MEETING PLACE-- MISTER X!

MISTER X?!



YES, AS IT OFTEN HAPPENS, IN AMNESIA CASES, A WORD STRIKES A CHORD, AND MEMORY BECOMES COMPLETE!

LATER, WHEN SELINA KYLE EXPLAINS THE FACTS TO THE COMMISSIONER...

CATWOMAN... ER... I MEAN MISS KYLE, IF YOU WISH TO ATONE FOR YOUR PAST CRIMES, YOU CAN DO SO BY BECOMING OUR UNDERCOVER AGENT.

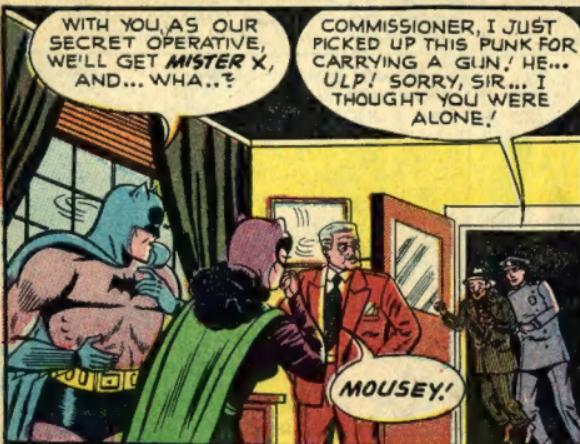
THAT'S RIGHT, SELINA... YOU'RE OUR BEST LEAD TO MISTER X, SO WE WANT YOU TO **REMAIN AS HIS PARTNER!**

YOU WILL... BUT AFTERWARD, REMEMBER, IF YOU PRETEND TO BE MISTER X'S PARTNER, THERE'LL BE **NO MORE KILLINGS!** YOU'LL BE DOING A PUBLIC SERVICE. AND IF MY PLAN WORKS, YOU'LL ONLY HAVE TO DO **ONE JOB!**



WITH YOU, AS OUR SECRET OPERATIVE, WE'LL GET MISTER X, AND... WHA...?

COMMISSIONER, I JUST PICKED UP THIS PUNK FOR CARRYING A GUN! HE... ULP! SORRY, SIR... I THOUGHT YOU WERE ALONE!



THIS MAN IS DANGEROUS! HE'S ALWAYS WANTED TO JOIN MR. X'S GANG! NOW, HE'LL SURELY TELL MR. X ABOUT ME -- AS A BRIBE!

IN THAT CASE, WE MUST LOCK HIM UP, OFFICER, CHARGE HIM WITH CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON... NOBODY'S TO SEE HIM TILL THIS CASE IS FINISHED!

HUH? I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS, CAT-WOMAN!



AFTER MOUSEY IS LED OFF...

WELL, SELINA KYLE... ALIAS THE CATWOMAN, YOU'RE NOW WORKING FOR THE LAW! DON'T FORGET THAT!

I WON'T-- UNLESS I GET AMNESIA AGAIN! I WAS SCARED, BUT NOT ANYMORE... NOT WHILE MOUSEY IS SAFELY LOCKED UP!



BUT IS HE? FOR AS SOON AS THE FURTIVE LITTLE CROOK IS ALONE IN HIS CELL...

HA, HA... LUCKY THOSE COPPERS DIDN'T FIND THIS FILE HIDDEN IN MY SHOE! ONCE I GET OUT, IT'LL BE BYE-BYE CATWOMAN!



EACH RASP OF THE FILE IS LIKE THE TICK OF A CLOCK... AND WITH EACH PASSING MOMENT, DEATH LOOMS CLOSER FOR SELINA KYLE -- ALIAS THE CATWOMAN!

THAT NIGHT, IN THE HALLWAY OF A FAMED RECORDING FIRM, SECRET OPERATIVE **CATWOMAN** EMBARKS ON HER UNDERCOVER ASSIGNMENT.

REMEMBER THE STORY OF "**BELLING THE CAT**"? I'VE DONE JUST THAT! THE COLLAR'S MECHANISM WILL KEEP THIS BELL RINGING CONSTANTLY: NOW GET SET...



THEN, WHILE EVERYONE CHASES AFTER THE JANGLING CAT...

NICE WORK, **CATWOMAN**...

THERE AINT A PERSON IN SIGHT! WE'LL GET A NICE HAUL HERE, SINCE ALL MASTER RECORDS ARE MADE OF GOLD, PLATE!



STILL LATER, AT HEADQUARTERS...

SO--THE WELPRUF CASH REGISTER COMPANY IS NEXT ON THEIR LIST!

YES, COMMISSIONER--BUT MUST I GO ON WITH THIS? I FIND STEALING SO HATEFUL... SO HORRIBLE!



AND AS THE BELLED CAT IS RELEASED INTO A RECORDING STUDIO...

SOMEWHERE THE MOON IS... EEEK!

OMYGOOSH! WE'VE GOT TO CATCH THAT CAT BEFORE HER BELL RUINS RECORDS IN THE OTHER STUDIOS TOO!..COME ON--EVERYBODY!



LATER, ON A LONELY ROAD...

HERE'S YOUR SHARE, **CATWOMAN**... AND THIS PAPER HAS THE NAME OF THE NEXT PLACE WE ROB!

BUT WAIT... I THOUGHT I WAS TO DEAL WITH MISTER X PERSONALLY!



MEANWHILE, IN MOUSEY'S CELL...



WILL MOUSEY ESCAPE IN TIME? WILL HE BE ABLE TO EXPOSE THE **CATWOMAN** TO CERTAIN DEATH?

LATER, ATOP THE WELL-GUARDED CASH REGISTER PLANT...

THE DOOR OPENS BY ELECTRICITY--WHEN A GUARD PUSHES DOWN THAT SWITCH LEVER! BUT HOW DO WE GET AT THE SWITCH? IT'S OVER 20 FEET DOWN--AND AT THE SIDE!

JUST WATCH THIS MECHANICAL MOUSE!

SILENTLY, THE CORD UNREELS UNTIL THE "MOUSE" ALMOST TOUCHES THE FLOOR...

IF THAT LEVER WASN'T SET SO FAR OVER, WE COULD DROP SOMETHIN' HEAVY ON IT, BUT... BUT... HEY, WHY THE CAT?

THIS CAT WILL OPEN THE DOOR FOR US!

AND AS THE CATWOMAN RELEASES THE LIVE ANIMAL...

SEE? SHE'S SPOTTED THAT FAKE MOUSE! AND THE ONLY WAY SHE CAN REACH IT IS BY FIRST LANDING ON THAT DOOR LEVER!

STEEL DOOR OF PLANT STARTS TO OPEN... (3)

PURSUIT OF TOY MOUSE (4)

DOOR LEVER GOES DOWN OPENING DOOR (2)

ELECTRIC FAN-1ST LANDING (1)

BEFORE THE GUARDS REALIZE IT, MISTER X'S MEN ARE THROUGH THE OPEN DOOR...

JUST RELAX, BUD... AND IT WON'T HURT A BIT!

CLUNK!

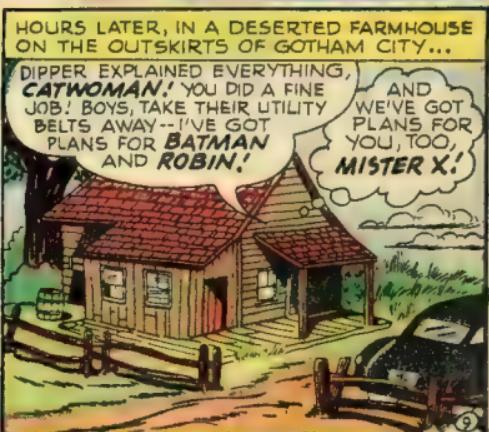
BUT AS THEY CROSS ANOTHER ROOM...

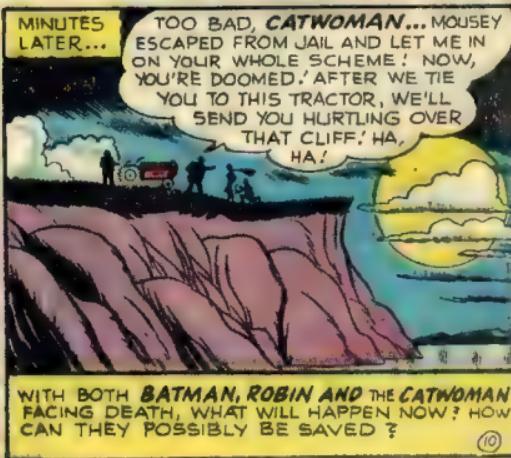
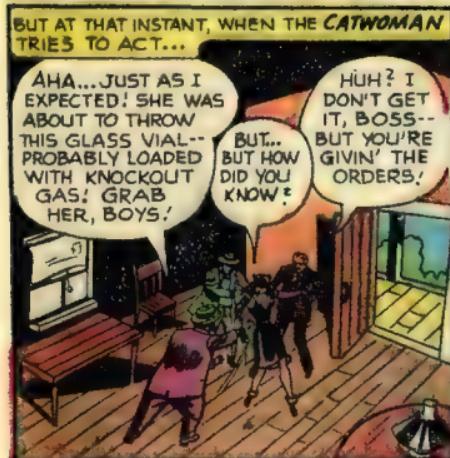
QUICK, ROBIN! SWING BACK TO THE CASH REGISTER!

UH-UH... NO SAILING TODAY!

NO SALE

LOOK!... UP THERE... IT'S BATMAN AND ROBIN! SAIL INTO 'EM, BOYS!





MEANWHILE...

WE CAN'T RISK WAITING FOR THE CATWOMAN ANY LONGER! ROBIN, HELP ME PUSH THIS MILL STONE TO THE FLOOR! HURRY!

SURE... BUT I DON'T GET IT, BATMAN!

WHEN THE TWO MILL STONES LIE IN A LINE POINTING TO THE STRONG DOOR...

THERE! I'VE WEDGED THESE SACKS OF RICE BETWEEN THE DOOR AND THE FIRST STONE! GRAB THAT WATER HOSE, ROBIN AND START DRENCHING THE RICE BAGS!

GOSH, I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING... I DON'T!

### RICE SWELLS ENORMOUSLY

WHEN IT'S WET! IT'S A KNOWN FACT THAT A WET CARGO OF RICE USED TO SMASH OPEN THE HULLS OF WOODEN SAILING SHIPS!

OH... I GET IT! YOU FIGURE THE WET RICE WILL EXPAND ENOUGH TO BURST DOWN THAT DOOR! IT'LL BE A NICE TRY, EVEN IF IT DOESN'T WORK!

SECONDS LATER...

OHH! THEY'RE DEAD! BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE DEAD! SOBE

GOOD! NOW, DIPPER, START THE TRACTOR MOTOR! IT WILL TAKE THIS DOUBLE-CROSSER RIGHT OVER THE CLIFF!

BOOM

DOUBLE-CROSSER? Y'MEAN SHE HELD OUT SOME LOOT? AND WHAT'S THAT CRACK YOU MADE ABOUT MOUSEY?

AND AS THE TRACTOR GROWLS OMINOUSLY...

I'LL EXPLAIN THINGS LATER, BOYS! LET ME WATCH THIS FIRST!

BATMAN, WE'RE TOO LATE! THE CATWOMAN'S HEADED OVER THE CLIFF!

INSTANTLY, BATMAN WHIPS UP A DISCARDED, BROKEN WHEAT SCYTHE AND HISES IT FORWARD LIKE A BOOMERANG...

ROAR ROAR!



THEN, BEFORE THE STARTLED THUGS CAN TURN...

DIPPER HAS DROPPED! BATMAN--THERE GOES MISTER X! HE'S GETTING AWAY!

BUT AS THE MASKED GANG CHIEF PASSES THE CATWOMAN...

THANKS FOR THE HAND, CATWOMAN! AH-- I HAD A HUNCH MISTER X WAS A SHORT MAN!

SHORT MAN!! WHY, MISTER X IS MOUSEY!!



I SEE... HE WORE A WOODEN FRAME TO MAKE HIM LOOK BIGGER.

I REALIZED MISTER X WAS ONLY MASQUERADEING AS A BIG MAN BECAUSE HIS FLIMSY CHAIR DIDN'T CREAK OR BREAK UNDER HIS WEIGHT! HE DIDN'T YELL WHEN THE CAT WAS CLAWING HIS LEG, SO I GUessed HE WAS WEARING WOODEN STILTS!

LATER, MOUSEY EXPLAINS THE REASON FOR HIS DISGUISE...

FIRST, IT WAS A GOOD COVERUP! THE COPS WOULD BE HUNTING FOR MISTER X, NOT A PUNK NAMED MOUSEY! YEAH... MY NAME... MOUSEY... THAT WAS THE REAL REASON FOR EVERYTHING...



NO GANGSTERS WOULD TAKE ORDERS FROM A LITTLE GUY THEY CALL MOUSEY! IN THE UNDERWORLD, YOU HAVE TO BE IMPRESSIVE! SO, BY POSING AS A MYSTERY MAN--A BIG MAN--I GOT MYSELF A GANG! MOUSEY, THE PUNK, BECAME MISTER X, THE BIG SHOT!

YES, MOUSEY, YOU'LL BE THE BIGGEST MAN IN PRISON!

THAT'S THAT! FROM NOW ON I'M PLAIN SELINA KYLE! THE CATWOMAN HAS RETIRED!

I WONDER! SOMEHOW, I THINK THE LAW WILL AGAIN NEED THE SERVICES OF CATWOMAN--POLICE OPERATIVE... AND IT MAY BE SOONER THAN YOU THINK!



AND SO, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...



THE END

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# BAT-MAN

WITH  
**ROBIN**  
-THE BOY WONDER-

WHEN TWO ADMIRERS OF BATMAN AND ROBIN, IN FARAWAY ENGLAND, DECIDE TO FIGHT CRIME LIKE THEIR, AMERICAN HEROES, THEY LITTLE DREAM WHAT DEADLY DANGERS AWAIT THEM. FOR THE KNIGHT AND THE SQUIRE, AS THE BRITISH VERSION OF THE DYNAMIC DUO CALLS ITSELF, ARE DESTINED TO FIGHT THE CLEVEREST CRIMINALS OF TWO CONTINENTS! YOU'LL READ ALL ABOUT IT IN --

**"The Batman of ENGLAND!"**

BOB KANE

OUTSIDE THE QUIET VILLAGE OF WORDENSHERE, ENGLAND, RESOUNDS A CLANGOROUS BELL TOLLING AN URGENT SUMMONS!



THE KNIGHT AND THE SQUIRE? WHO ARE THEY? THE EARL OF WORDENSHERE AND HIS SON CYRIL SEEM TO KNOW!



HASTENING DOWN TO ONE OF THE SHADY CRYPTS BENEATH THE OLD CASTLE...



PRESENTLY, TWO MASKED MEDIEVAL FIGURES ROAR OUT BY A SECRET PASSAGE, ON "WAR HORSES" THAT ARE REALLY POWERFUL MOTORCYCLES!



THE KNIGHT AND THE SQUIRE—AN ENGLISH IMITATION OF THE DYNAMIC DUO; AND JUST AS A SQUIRE OF OLD ASSISTED HIS KNIGHT, THIS SQUIRE ASSISTS HIS FATHER IN CRUSHING CRIME!

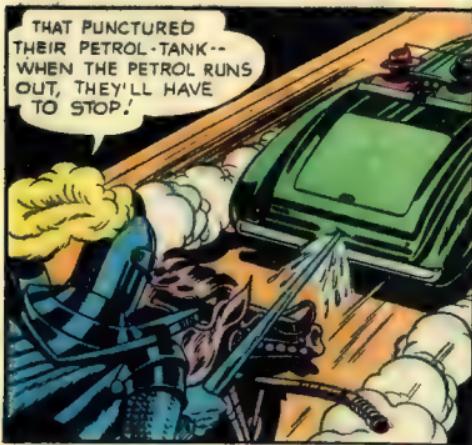


MOMENTS LATER, AFTER A SWIFT PURSUIT...





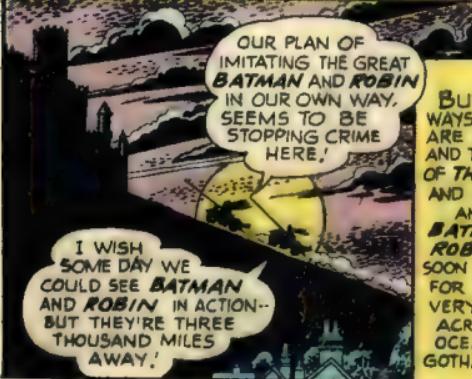
THAT PUNCTURED  
THEIR PETROL-TANK--  
WHEN THE PETROL RUNS  
OUT, THEY'LL HAVE  
TO STOP!



THE BEWILDERED ROGUES TRY TO FLEE, IN VAIN!



LATER, AFTER DELIVERING THE CAPTURED CRIMINALS TO THE CONSTABLES...



OUR PLAN OF  
IMITATING THE GREAT  
BATMAN AND ROBIN  
IN OUR OWN WAY,  
SEEMS TO BE  
STOPPING CRIME  
HERE!

BUT THE  
WAYS OF FATE  
ARE STRANGE,  
AND THE PATHS  
OF THE KNIGHT  
AND SQUIRE  
AND OF  
BATMAN AND  
ROBIN, ARE  
SOON TO CROSS!  
FOR ON THIS  
VERY NIGHT,  
ACROSS THE  
OCEAN IN  
GOTHAM CITY...

THE BAT-SIGNAL!  
COMMISSIONER  
GORDON WANTS  
US, BRUCE!

LET'S HOPE IT'S  
THAT MOB OF  
MATT THORNE'S  
WE'VE BEEN  
HUNTING  
FOR!

A SWIFT TRANSITION, AND BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON ANSWER THE SUMMONS AS BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER!

WAREHOUSE BANDITS I WAS HOPING IT WAS THORNE'S GANG--BUT WE'LL GET GOING!



SOON... BATMAN - THEY HAD A SPEEDBOAT FOR A GETAWAY--AND THE NEAREST RIVER POLICE ARE MILES AWAY!







BACK IN THE VILLAGE, TWO FAMOUS VISITORS HAVE JUST ARRIVED...

FIRST WE'LL FIND OUT IF THE POLICE HERE HAVE SEEN MATT THORNE! IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT CRIME COULD COME TO THIS QUAIN, OLD VILLAGE!

WORDENSHIRE CONSTABULARY



THORNE! HE'S ROBBING THE POLICE STATION!

WE DECOYED AWAY THOSE HICK ENGLISH COPS AND THE KNIGHT AND SQUIRE, AND NOW BATMAN AND ROBIN SHOW UP!



ROBIN, YOUR CORNY ENGLISH SLANG IS AWFUL.

JOLLY MEETING YOU HERE, OLD BEAN!



AT THAT MOMENT, AS THE BRITISH CRIME-BUSTERS RETURN EMPTY-HANDED...

I SAW STRANGERS GO INTO THE POLICE STATION, AND THERE'S A ROW GOING ON IN THERE!

SO THAT'S WHY THOSE CROOKS LURED US AND THE CONSTABLES AWAY. COME ON, MY SQUIRE!



WHY, IT'S  
BATMAN--  
THE REAL  
BATMAN!

AM I  
SEEING THINGS?

LOOK OUT,  
WHOEVER  
YOU ARE!



QUICK,  
OUT OF  
HERE!

I SAY, WHAT  
IS ALL THIS--





THORNE  
ESCAPED!  
ARE THESE TWO  
MEDIEVAL  
CHARACTERS  
HIS  
ACCOMPlices!

I'M HORRIBLY SORRY!  
I'M AFRAID WE RUINED  
THINGS FOR YOU! AND  
WE WERE TRYING TO  
FIGHT CRIME, LIKE  
YOU TWO!



IT WILL BE WONDERFUL,  
WORKING WITH YOU TWO  
CHAPS! BUT NOW, WHY  
WOULD THIS THORNE  
ROGUE WANT TO  
ROB A POLICE  
STATION?

THEY WERE AFTER  
THE COURT  
RECORDS OF THE  
NAZI SPIES CAUGHT  
NEAR HERE, YEARS  
AGO! AND I'M AFRAID  
THEY GOT THOSE  
RECORDS!



AFTER **THE KNIGHT** REVEALS HIS SECRET  
IDENTITY AND TELLS HIS STORY...

AND THAT'S WHY  
CYRIL AND I  
DECIDED TO IMITATE  
YOU AND COMBAT  
CRIME! BUT WE'VE  
BUNGLED THINGS  
BADLY!

DON'T FEEL BAD! YOU  
JUST HAVEN'T HAD OUR  
EXPERIENCE WITH BIG-  
TIME CROOKS! NOW,  
SUPPOSE **THE SQUIRE**  
TAKES **ROBIN'S** PLACE  
AND **ROBIN** TAKES HIS?  
THAT WAY, WE'LL BE ABLE  
TO TEACH YOU SOME OF  
OUR TRICKS!



I REMEMBER  
THAT THOSE SPIES  
WERE CAUGHT AT  
STONEHENGE,  
NEAR HERE!

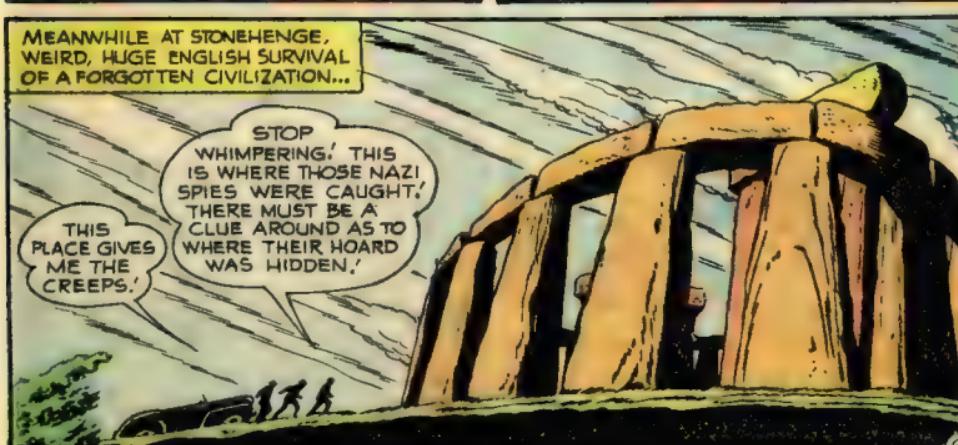
THEN **THE SQUIRE** AND  
I WILL GO THERE! YOU  
AND **ROBIN** PATROL  
THE ROADS AROUND HERE  
IN SEARCH OF THEM--  
I'LL CONTACT **ROBIN** BY  
BELT-RADIO!

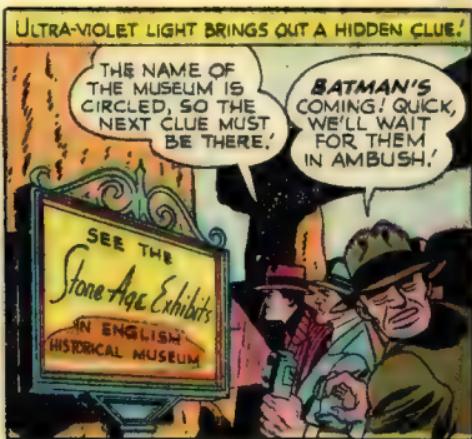
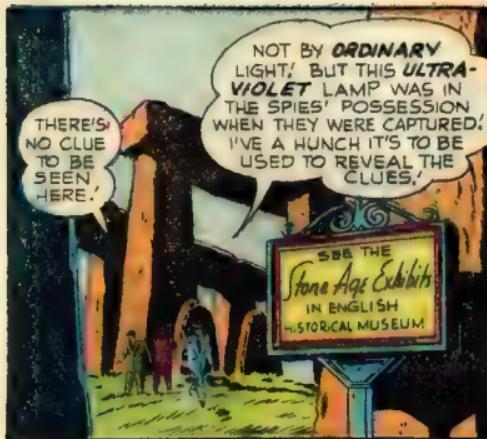


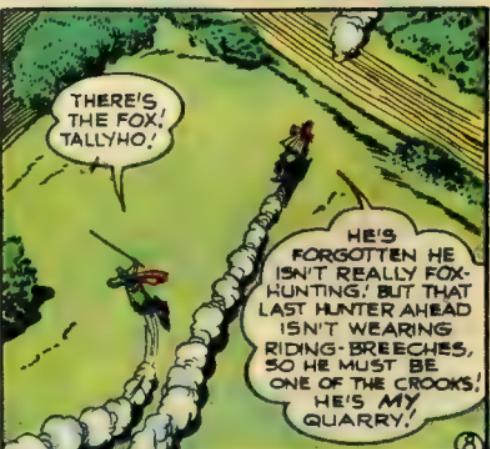
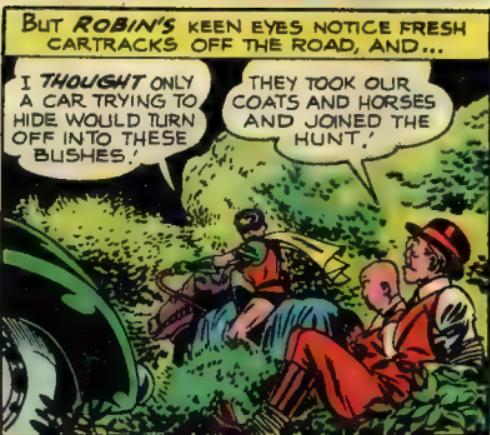
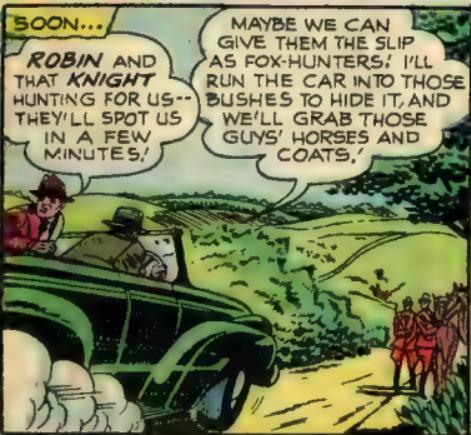
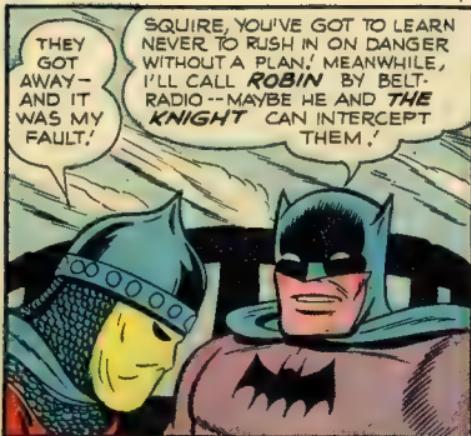
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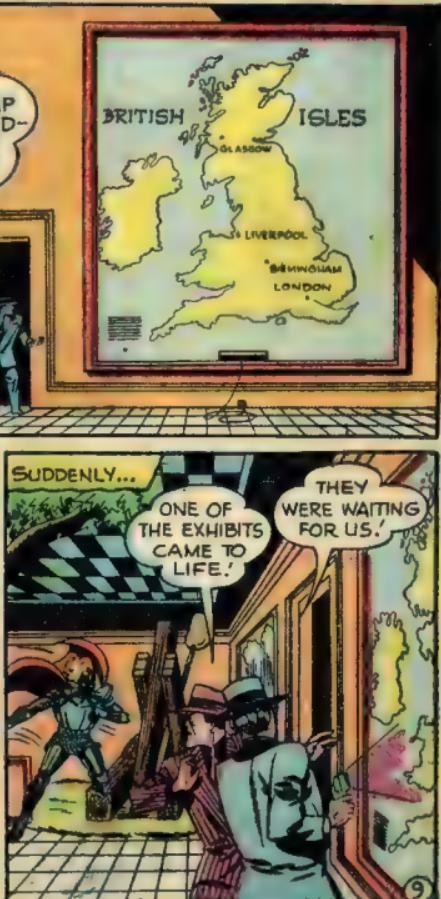
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PLACE GIVES  
ME THE  
CREEPS!

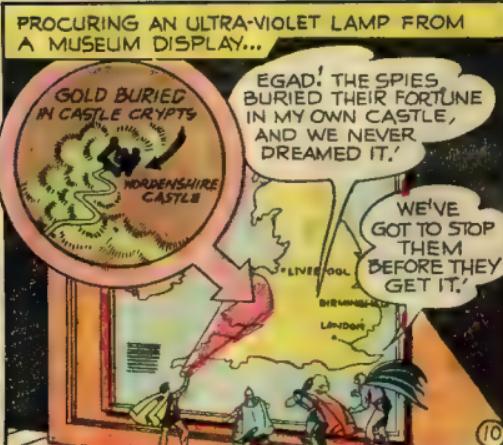
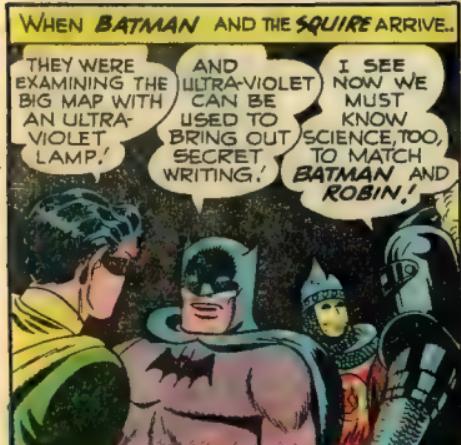
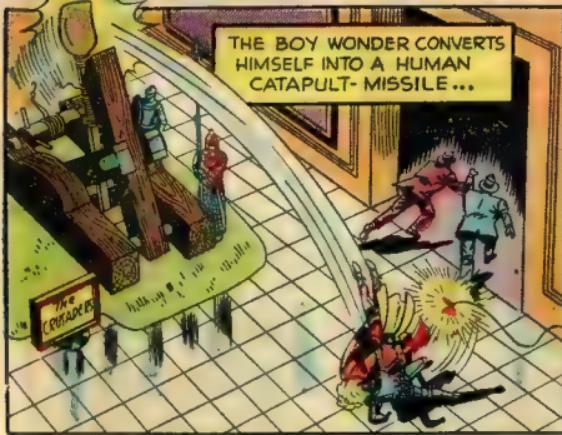
STOP  
WHIMPERING! THIS  
IS WHERE THOSE NAZI  
SPIES WERE CAUGHT!  
THERE MUST BE A  
CLUE AROUND AS TO  
WHERE THEIR HOARD  
WAS HIDDEN!













RACING THROUGH THE NIGHT,  
TWO PAIRS OF MAN-HUNTERS  
SWEEP TO THE CLIMAX OF A  
THREE-THOUSAND-MILE CHASE!

WE CAN'T  
GET IN THROUGH  
OUR SECRET  
ENTRANCE--  
THEY FOUND IT  
AND LOWERED  
THE PORTCULLIS  
TO BAR  
IT!

AND  
THEY'VE  
RAISED THE  
DRAWBRIDGE!

BUT  
THAT ANCIENT  
GALLows UP  
THERE MAY  
COME IN  
HANDY!



A DEFT NOOSE IS HURLED UP AROUND THE  
OLD GALLows, AND...

I'M  
PROBABLY THE  
FIRST MAN TO  
SWING FROM  
THAT IN A  
THOUSAND  
YEARS!



MOMENTS LATER...

THEY MUST  
BE DOWN IN  
THE CRYPTS  
NOW!

I'LL  
LEAD THE  
WAY!



LOOK! THOSE  
EXTRA "MOTORCYCLE-  
HORSES"! THEY PROVE  
THAT THIS KNIGHT AND  
SQUIRE ARE REALLY  
THE EARL AND  
HIS SON!

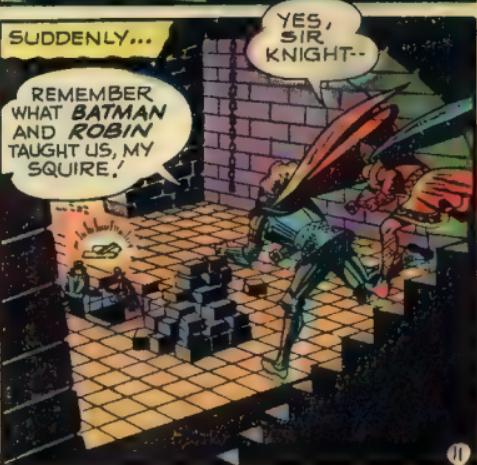
AND THESE  
GOLD BARS WERE  
BURIED IN THEIR  
CRYPTS YEARS AGO,  
WITHOUT THEM  
KNOWING!

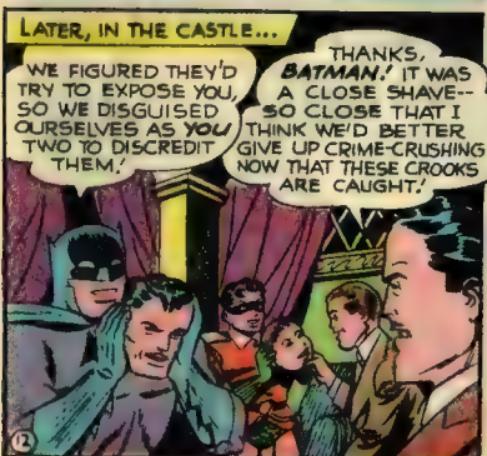
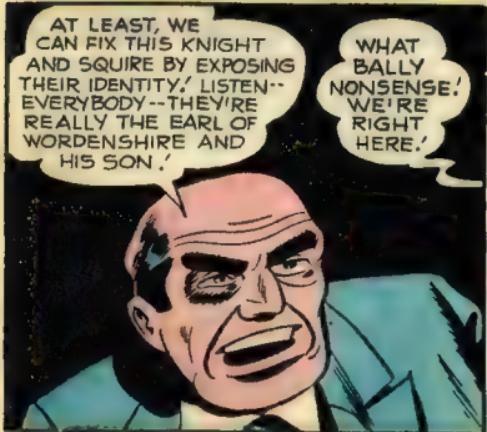
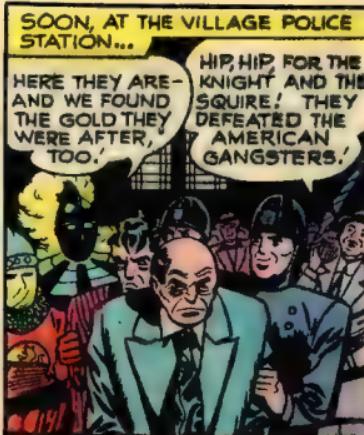


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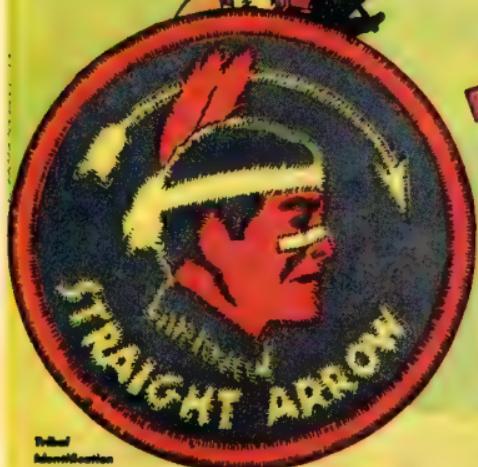
REMEMBER  
WHAT BATMAN  
AND ROBIN  
TAUGHT US, MY  
SQUIRE?

YES,  
SIR,  
KNIGHT--





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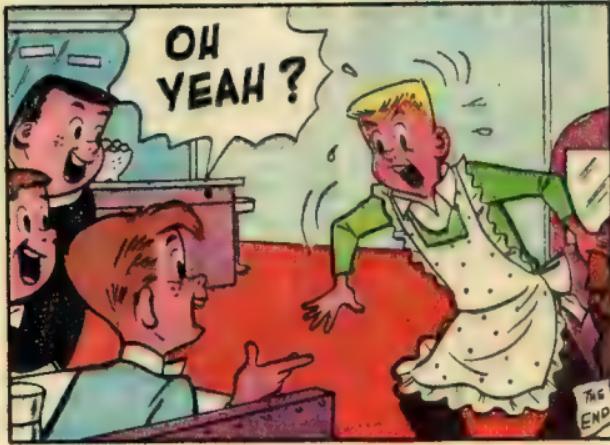
STORY BY BOB KURTZ



NEVER MIND - THE SOONER YOU FINISH THE DISHES, THE SOONER YOU CAN MEET YOUR FRIENDS TONIGHT!



I WAS BUSY WITH MY DAD TONIGHT. SOME BUSINESS PEOPLE WERE OVER, AND THEY WANTED MY ADVICE !





# EARLY AMERICAN FLAGS

**H**ERALDRY is as old as the human race, and the carrying of banners has been the habit of nations since the beginning of time.

Some years ago in northern India, Sir John Marshall, head of the archaeological service of the government of India, discovered two abandoned cities; one at a site now called Mohenjo-Daro, the other at Harappa, cities which are believed to have thrived about 3,500 B.C. and which were in close contact with the earliest civilizations of Babylonia. Among the objects found in the former city was a seal, used to sign documents, and showing a procession of seven men carrying square standards, held aloft on poles like modern flags. These ancient "flags" were not made of cloth but were rigid solids, like boards.

It was, therefore, most natural that America should have had its colonial flags as soon as the first colonists settled, and that those flags should have been created in an infinite variety.

Far back in American history, the Vikings carried a flag which bore a black raven on a field of white.

Then in 1492, Columbus sailed to our shores and his three small ships displayed the Spanish flag, bearing two red lions on two white fields and two yellow castles on two red fields.

The Dutch brought their own striped flags when they settled in New Amsterdam, which we now call New York, and pioneers from other nations also brought along the standards of their countries when they settled on our shores.

The British flag, under which the English colonization of America was effected, remained the flag of the colonists for more than a hundred years and is therefore of special significance to our country in the evolution of our National flag.

This flag is represented by the canton of the Grand Union flag. For centuries, the flag of England was the red cross of St. George on a white field and the flag of Scotland was the white cross of St. Andrew on a blue field.

Shortly after 1603, when England and Scotland became one nation, the two crosses were blended together. The Scottish flag was retained as the background of the new banner and the cross of St. George was superimposed on it. To retain a semblance of the white field of the English flag, the red cross of St. George was mounted on a strip of white which extends out and beyond the borders of the cross, making it stand out prominently.

Our separation from the mother country came gradually and it was only by degrees that the union flag of Great Britain was discarded. In fact, the final breach between the colonies and Great Britain brought about the removal of the union from the canton of our striped flag and the substitution of stars in a blue field.

Back in the days of the Revolution, there were colonial or regimental flags by the score. While the pine tree was a popular design, there were numerous other symbols, such as beavers, anchors and rattlesnakes, or combinations of these symbols with appropriate slogans.

In early accounts of colonial activities, liberty poles and trees play an important part. There was a fine old elm in Hanover Square, Boston, where the Sons of Liberty met, and which was known as the Liberty Tree.

A wide-spreading live oak in Charleston, South Carolina, made a shelter under which the leading patriots of the day gathered to discuss political questions, and there the Declaration of Independence was first read to the people of the City.

When, in 1632, the colony of Massachusetts first established a mint, the general court ordained that all pieces of money should bear on one side a tree, thus bringing into being the famous pinetree shillings.

Later, a white flag with a green pine tree and the inscription "An Appeal to Heaven" became familiar on the seas as the ensign of cruisers commissioned by General Washington, a fact which was noted by many English newspapers at that time.

Meanwhile, the rattlesnake theme was gaining increasing prestige with the colonists, and eventually a coiled serpent at the foot of the tree was added to the pine tree design. The slogan, "Don't Tread On Me," almost invariably appeared on rattlesnake flags.

The Moultrie flag was the first distinctive American flag displayed in the South. It flew over the ramparts of the fort on Sullivan's Island, which lies in the channel leading to Charleston, South Carolina, when the British fleet, under the command of Sir Peter Parker, attacked on June 28, 1776. The British ships opened fire at about 10:30 A.M. and continued the bombardment for approximately ten hours, but the garrison, consisting of some 375 regulars and a few militia, under the command of Colonel William Moultrie, put up such a gallant defense that the British were forced to withdraw under cover of darkness.

This victory not only saved the southern colonies from invasion for some two years but marked the first defeat of a British naval force over a period of years. The design of this large blue flag with a white crescent in the upper corner next to the staff was suggested by the blue uniforms of the garrison and the silver crescents which the men wore on their caps, inscribed with the words "Liberty or Death."

The maritime state of Rhode Island had its own flag, which was carried at Brandywine, Trenton and Yorktown. It bore an anchor, thirteen stars and the word "Hope," and its white stars in a blue field are believed by many to have suggested the "starry blue field" of our National flag.

There were a number of other famous New England flags, and noteworthy among them was the Bunker Hill. This flag, which was one of the first to include the pine tree, must be recognized as one of those carried by the American colonial troops who opposed the British Regulars at the Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775.

Strikingly similar to the Stars and Stripes is the flag carried by the Green Mountain boys at the Battle of Bennington on August 16, 1777. It has sometimes been claimed that this flag was the true forerunner of the Stars and Stripes and that our National flag was fashioned after the pattern of the Bennington flag, but there appears to be nothing in the written history of the flag that would verify this claim.

No type of flag appeared in a greater variety of patterns than the rattlesnake flag, and this symbol appears again and again in early American flags. A flag of this type was the standard of the South Carolina Navy; one of its variants was the emblem of the Culpepper Minute Men at Virginia; and still another, the rattlesnake, superimposed on a plain yellow banner, was known as the Gadsden flag.

One writer of the time quaintly stated that as the rattlesnake's eye exceeded in brightness that of any other animal, and she had no eyelids, she might therefore be esteemed a symbol of vigilance; that inasmuch as she never began an attack, nor, when once engaged, ever surrendered, she was therefore an emblem of magnanimity and true courage.

It was probably the deadly bite of the rattler, however, which was foremost in the minds of its designers, and the threatening slogan "Don't Tread On Me," added further significance to the design.

All of these flags and scores of others disappeared soon after the Stars and Stripes was adopted, yet the insignia shown on some of them was retained in some cases and now appears occasionally on state flags.

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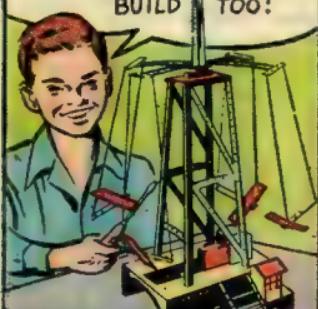
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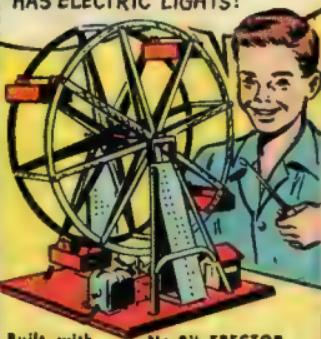


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COME IN THE NEXT ROOM,  
CASEY - I WANT TO TALK TO  
ALL THE MEN!



## The Day's Best Bite!



Not a bite all mornin'...  
and Neddy Nestle's yawnin'...



He munches Crunch!  
Oh Brother,  
One Good Bite Brought Another!

RICH, CREAMY, CRUNCHY  
GOODNESS...



# BATMAN

WITH  
**ROBIN**  
-THE BOY WONDER-

You are cordially invited to attend a party for millionaires only! Why you ask? Because its being given for you, you reason—a reason which adds a special touch to all those present. But don't be afraid who drops in the uninvited! For among the invited guests is BATMAN—who finds one in for a thrill and ends up buying criminals! So come along—If you dare... see if you can help BATMAN solve... and

## "The **MYSTERY OF MILLIONAIRE ISLAND!"**

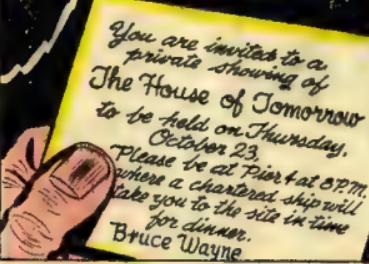
WAIT, BATMAN...  
YOU'VE FORGOTTEN  
YOUR PASSPORT TO  
**MILLIONAIRE  
ISLAND!**



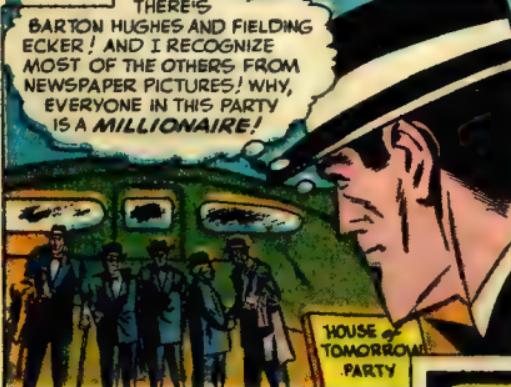
ONE NIGHT, IN THE GOTHAM CITY MANSION OF WEALTHY SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...



WHAT A STRANGE INVITATION! IT DOESN'T GIVE THE LOCATION OF THE HOUSE, AND IT ISN'T EVEN SIGNED! OH, WELL... TOMORROW'S THURSDAY-- SO IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE I KNOW WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT, DICK!



NEXT EVENING, A MOST SELECT GROUP GATHERS AT PIER 4...



LATER, IN THE MYSTERIOUS SHIP'S PILOT HOUSE...



FINALLY, THE VESSEL SLIPS SILENTLY INTO AN ISLAND HARBOR, WHERE...



AND AS THE PERPLEXED PARTY ENTERS THE STRANGE BUILDING...



WELCOME TO THE HOUSE OF TOMORROW! KINDLY PASS INTO THE DINING ROOM ON YOUR RIGHT, WHERE YOU WILL DISCOVER THE REASON YOU HAVE BEEN INVITED HERE!

MOVING AS IF UNDER SOME STRANGE SPELL, THE GROUP OBEDIES THEIR UNSEEN COMMANDER...

WHY THIS IS A MODEL OF THE RADAR SCANNING ANTENNA MANUFACTURED BY MY COMPANY!

AND HERE'S A MOCK REPRODUCTION OF THE NEW PLASTIC LENS I INVENTED!



HMM... AT EACH MAN'S PLACE IS MINIATURE OF THE PRODUCT FOR WHICH HE'S MOST WELL-KNOWN! I'M ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF UNITED CHEMICALS CORPORATION -- WHICH EXPLAINS THIS CHEMIST'S RETORT!

JUST THEN, A SHATTERING ANNOUNCEMENT...

GENTLEMEN, YOU ARE MY PRISONERS! THE BOAT HAS GONE-- THERE IS NO WAY TO LEAVE THIS ISLAND, AND NO ONE KNOWS YOUR WHEREABOUTS! SINCE EACH OF YOUR FORTUNES DEPENDS UPON A CLOSELY GUARDED SECRET, YOU WILL NOT LEAVE THIS ISLAND ALIVE UNTIL YOU HAVE REVEALED YOUR SECRET TO ME!



FIRST, PORTER WEST! GO TO THE MICROPHONE ON THE SIDEBOARD AND DICTATE THE SECRET FORMULA FOR YOUR PLASTIC LENS PROCESS! IF YOU REFUSE YOU WILL DIE!

HA, HA... WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE FOOLING? I'VE SPENT MY WHOLE LIFE DEVELOPING THAT FORMULA, AND NOBODY CAN BLUFF ME INTO GIVING IT AWAY NOW!



WHOEVER HE IS, I'LL SHOW THAT PHANTOM VOICE HE CAN'T SCARE ME! I WAS A CHAMPIONSHIP SWIMMER IN COLLEGE... I CAN EASILY MAKE IT TO THE MAINLAND!

WAIT, MR. WEST! IT MIGHT BE WISER TO STAY HERE, WITH THE REST OF US!



Frantically, Porter West runs toward the beach, and as the others rush out to stop him...

Good grief! His footprints end at this abandoned well! In his haste, he probably didn't see it-- and he fell in!

Perhaps we can still save him!

With some help from the others, Bruce lowers himself down the well, where...

Later, back in the weird house of the future...

It is now evident that whoever is behind this bizarre scheme, he will stop at nothing to force us to reveal our secrets! Unless we get help, we're doomed! And there is one person who can help us... **BATMAN!**

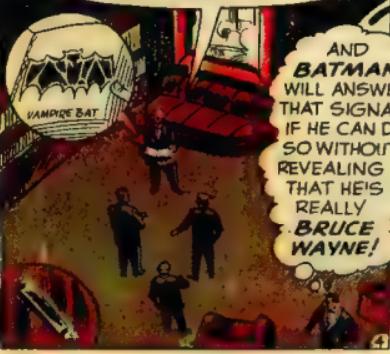
But how can we get in touch with him, Professor Hendrix?

Then the mystery voice was right! West refused to reveal his secret, and he's dead!

This nature book I noticed when we first arrived... it contains a full-page picture of a **BAT**! I'll cut it out and focus it on the sky through West's miniature lens. Its image should resemble the **BAT-SIGNAL**!

And as the professor places the lens and the picture before a powerful lamp...

Then, after a long, tense vigil...



And **BATMAN** will answer that signal-- if he can do so without revealing that he's really **BRUCE WAYNE**!

You've done it, Professor Hendrix! Now, let's hope **BATMAN** sees that call for help!

**BATMAN**-- you've come! We're sure glad to see you!

Hello, Wayne... your signal was a bit weak, but I was able to follow it here in the **BATPLANE**!

But wait! If **BATMAN** and **Bruce Wayne** are the same man, how can they both be here at the same time?

WHILE THE OTHERS WERE WATCHING THE **BAT-SIGNAL**, I SWUNG THE CAPE FROM MY COSTUME OVER THE GLASS DOOR! A VENTRILOQUIST'S TRICK DID THE REST! NOW TO FIGURE A WAY OF GETTING INTO ACTION AS **BATMAN**!



BLACK THREADS INVISIBLE FROM A DISTANCE

ABRUPTLY, BRUCE RELEASES THE SUPPORTING THREADS, AND...

**BATMAN'S GONE! SOMEBODY STOP HIM!**

DON'T WORRY! HE'S NEVER DESERTED ANYONE WHO'S IN TROUBLE! HE MUST BE PLANNING SOMETHING... I'LL GO AFTER HIM AND SEE WHAT HE WANTS US TO DO!



PRETENDING TO FOLLOW THE CAPED LAWMAN, BRUCE RUSHES OUT INTO THE NIGHT...

NOW, I MUST WORK FAST IF I'M TO GET BACK BEFORE ANYONE WONDERS WHAT'S DETAINING BRUCE WAYNE!

THE **BATPLANE**... ROBIN MUSTIVE SEE THE SIGNAL!

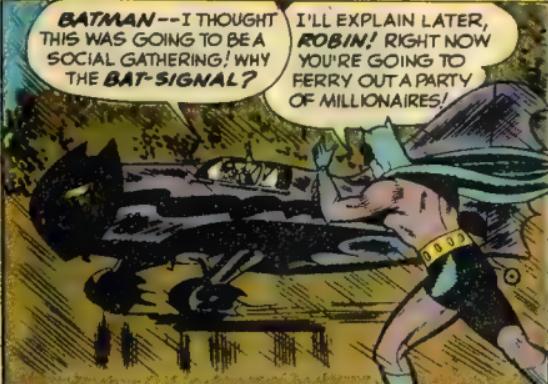
AT THAT MOMENT A HUGE, BAT-LIKE FORM APPEARS IN THE STORM-RIDDEN SKY...



AND AS THE **BATPLANE** SLOWLY DESCENDS TO EARTH...

**BATMAN**--I THOUGHT THIS WAS GOING TO BE A SOCIAL GATHERING! WHY THE **BAT-SIGNAL**?

I'LL EXPLAIN LATER, **ROBIN**! RIGHT NOW YOU'RE GOING TO FERRY OUT A PARTY OF MILLIONAIRES!



SUDDENLY...

**BANG**

QUICK, **ROBIN**! HIT THE DIRT!

MADE IT!

AND AS THE DYNAMIC DUO RACES FOR COVER...

NOW'S MY CHANCE! NOT EVEN **BATMAN** CAN RUIN MY INGENIOUS PLAN!



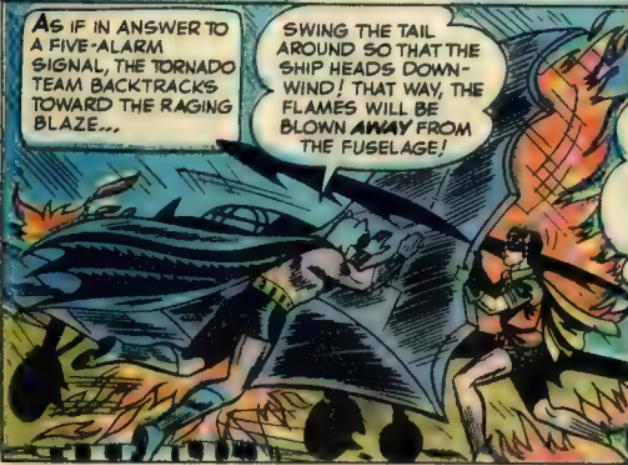
MOMENTS LATER...

WAIT!  
THE **BATPLANE**...  
SOMEONE'S SET IT ON FIRE!



AS IF IN ANSWER TO A FIVE-ALARM SIGNAL, THE TORNADO TEAM BACKTRACKS TOWARD THE RAGING BLAZE...

SWING THE TAIL AROUND SO THAT THE SHIP HEADS DOWN-WIND! THAT WAY, THE FLAMES WILL BE BLOWN AWAY FROM THE FUSELAGE!



SOON...

THAT CHEMICAL FIRE-EXTINGUISHING POWDER, FROM YOUR UTILITY BELT, DID THE TRICK, **BATMAN**! THE FLAMES ARE UNDER CONTROL!

YES, BUT THE RADIO'S OUT, AND THE MOTOR WILL REQUIRE REPAIRS BEFORE WE CAN USE THE **BATPLANE** AGAIN! ALSO, I MUST GET BACK TO THAT HOUSE AS BRUCE WAYNE, PRONTO!



MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE HOUSE OF DOOM...

THERE'S SOME KIND OF FIRE DOWN NEAR THE BEACH, BUT I COULDN'T MAKE OUT WHAT IT WAS!

SO WHAT? WHO CARES ABOUT A LITTLE BEACH FIRE, MARTIN? WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET OUT OF HERE, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE?



AND AS IF IN ANSWER TO HUGHES' FRIGHTENED QUERY...

YOU ALL KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO WEST WHEN HE REFUSED TO REVEAL HIS SECRET! NOW, ANOTHER HAS THE CHOICE OF LIFE... OR DEATH!

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## A Story from the Files of the World Health Organization



EGYPT, 1947... IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
MINISTER OF HEALTH...

**CHOLERA!**  
ANOTHER EPIDEMIC  
HAS BROKEN OUT!

WE MUST ACT  
QUICKLY! ALL OUT-  
GOING PLANES MUST  
BE STOPPED AT  
ONCE TO PREVENT  
THE SPREAD TO  
OTHER COUNTRIES!

SWIFTLY, DOCTORS AND HEALTH WORKERS WERE  
MOBILIZED FOR THE BATTLE AGAINST THE DREAD  
KILLER! BUT...

THERE'S  
ONLY ONE  
HOPE!

WE CAN DISINFECT HOMES AND  
DESTROY THE BREEDING PLACES OF  
FLIES CARRYING THE GERM--BUT  
WE HAVEN'T ENOUGH VACCINE TO  
INOCULATE OUR 19,000,000  
PEOPLE!

AND SOON, AT THE GENEVA, SWITZERLAND  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS' WORLD  
HEALTH ORGANIZATION, FORMED ONE YEAR BEFORE...

MESSAGES ARE BEING  
SENT OUT TO OUR  
MEMBER NATIONS FOR  
HELP TO EGYPT! I FEEL  
CONFIDENT THAT OUR APPEAL  
WILL BE SUCCESSFUL!

I HOPE SO! EIGHT  
OUT OF TEN VICTIMS  
DIED IN EGYPT'S  
LAST CHOLERA  
EPIDEMIC!

IN THE DAYS AND WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED,  
PLANES FROM THE U.S., BRAZIL, CHINA,  
ITALY, HOLLAND, THE USSR AND MANY  
OTHERS WINGED TOWARD EGYPT--AN  
AIR CARAVAN OF MERCY CARRYING  
TONS OF VACCINE, HYPODERMIC NEEDLES,  
DRUGS AND OTHER WEAPONS TO  
CONQUER THE DEADLY DISEASE!



FOR SIX WEEKS THE EPIDEMIC RAGED, UNTIL FINALLY...

WE'VE WON! IT'S UNDER  
CONTROL! OVER 15,000,000  
PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INOCULATED!

TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE  
DIED--BUT MILLIONS HAVE  
BEEN SAVED BY QUICK INTER-  
NATIONAL TEAMWORK...THANKS  
TO THE WORLD HEALTH  
ORGANIZATION!



THIS IS YOUR UNITED  
NATIONS AT WORK! WHEN  
YOU CELEBRATE UN DAY  
ON OCTOBER 24, BE PROUD  
YOUR COUNTRY IS A  
MEMBER NATION. THROUGH  
THE UN, OUR NATION IS  
WORKING WITH OTHER  
NATIONS FOR BETTER  
HEALTH AND HAPPINESS  
FOR PEOPLE THE WORLD  
OVER!



**NO!** I'LL NEVER DIVULGE THAT SECRET!  
WEST LOST HIS HEAD AND RAN INTO YOUR TRAP... BUT I'M STAYING RIGHT HERE, WITH THE OTHERS! YOU CAN'T INTIMIDATE ME!



DON'T SIT IN THAT CHAIR, ECKER! IT MAY BE WIRED!  
YOU'RE, RIGHT, MARTIN! WE'LL ALL STAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM AND EACH WATCH ONE OF THE WALLS!



**But** NO SOONER DOES THE LITTLE BAND TAKE UP A DEFENSIVE POSITION AGAINST ITS INVISIBLE ADVERSARY...

NOW LET HIM TRY TO... AH-H-H!

OH, NO!  
I'M TOO LATE!



WITH LIGHTNING SPEED, **BATMAN** SWITCHES BACK TO BRUCE WAYNE AND RACES TO THE STRICKEN ECKER'S SIDE...

HE-HE'S BEEN ELECTROCUTED!  
THE VOICE MADE GOOD ITS THREAT!

SEE? THERE'S A METAL PLATE ON THE FLOOR, AT THE SPOT WHERE HE WAS STANDING! BUT STILL... HOW WAS THE ELECTRIC CIRCUIT COMPLETED?



YOU SPOKE TO **BATMAN**, WAYNE! WHY DOESN'T HE DO SOMETHING?

ER... I KNOW IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, AFTER TWO OF US HAVE ALREADY BEEN KILLED, BUT I'M CONFIDENT **BATMAN** WILL FIND A SOLUTION TO THIS MYSTERY AND GAVE US!

I MUST KEEP UP THEIR MORALE SO THAT... HMM... THIS FLOWER IN ECKER'S LAPEL... INTERESTING!



ABRUPTLY...

THE LIGHTS!  
WHO TURNED THEM OUT?

IS THE PHANTOM VOICE GOING TO STRIKE DOWN SOMEONE ELSE?



SECONDS LATER, AS THE LIGHT GOES ON AGAIN...



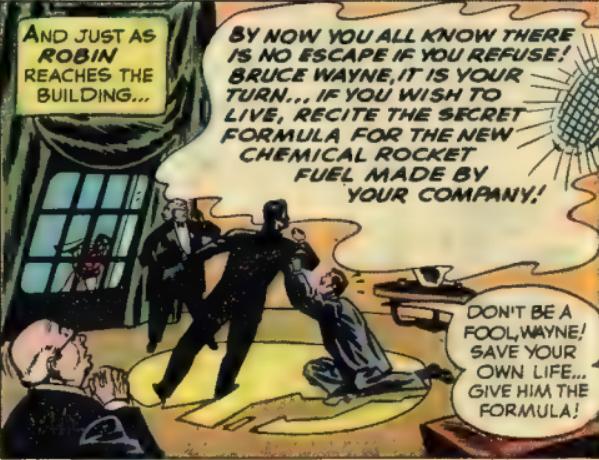
FIRST, WEST DIES AND HIS BODY IS NEVER RECOVERED! THEN ECKER IS KILLED, AND SPIRITED AWAY--AS IF BY MAGIC! WE'RE COMPLETELY AT THE MERCY OF SOME FIEND! WE MUST REVEAL OUR SECRETS!

NO, MARTIN! LET'S GIVE BATMAN A CHANCE TO SAVE US AND OUR SECRETS! SOME OF THOSE SECRETS ARE VITAL TO OUR NATION'S SAFETY! IT'LL TAKE COURAGE, BUT WE MUSTN'T GIVE IN!

WHILE NEAR THE CRIPPLED BATPLANE...



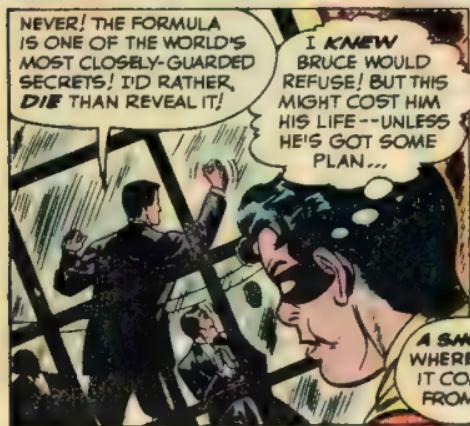
AND JUST AS ROBIN REACHES THE BUILDING...



DON'T BE A FOOL, WAYNE! SAVE YOUR OWN LIFE.., GIVE HIM THE FORMULA!

NEVER! THE FORMULA IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST CLOSELY-GUARDED SECRETS! I'D RATHER, DIE THAN REVEAL IT!

I KNEW BRUCE WOULD REFUSE! BUT THIS MIGHT COST HIM HIS LIFE--UNLESS HE'S GOT SOME PLAN...



SUDDENLY, BEFORE ROBIN'S SHOCK-BLURRED EYES...



AND AS A CRIMSON-HUED BLOT APPEARS ON THE FALLEN SOCIALITE'S SHIRT FRONT...



WHILE OUTSIDE, AS THE RAIN BEATS A SORROWFUL TATTOO...



BUT ONE THING I CAN DO FOR MY FRIEND--AND THAT'S TO FIND HIS MURDERER! I'LL NEVER REST UNTIL BATMAN'S KILLER IS BROUGHT TO JUSTICE!



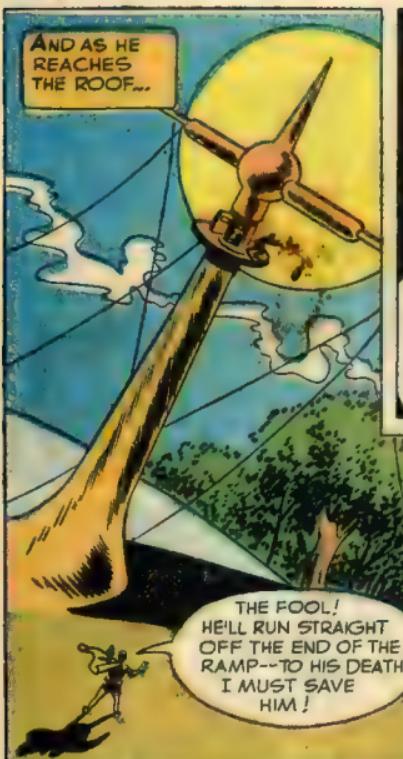
AND BACK IN THE HOUSE OF THE FUTURE, WHICH HAS NOW BECOME THE HOUSE OF DEATH...

PORTER WEST, FIELDING ECKER AND NOW, BRUCE WAYNE! EACH ONE KILLED BY A FANATICAL MURDERER WHOSE IDENTITY WE DON'T EVEN KNOW! WHY, HE MIGHT EVEN BE ONE OF US! AND ALL WE CAN DO IS WAIT FOR HIM TO NAME HIS NEXT VICTIM!



SPURRED ON BY HIS INSANE FEAR, BARTON HUGHES RACES TO THE PINNACLE OF THE STRANGE STEEL AND GLASS STRUCTURE...





I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO ASK, ROBIN! AND THE ANSWER IS JUST ONE PART OF THIS WHOLE FANTASTIC AFFAIR! BUT BEFORE I GO INTO THAT, WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO! COME ON...

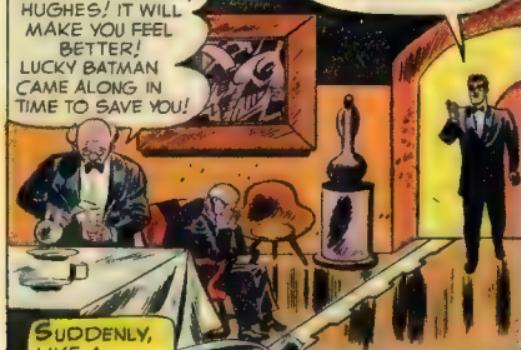


EXACTLY, ROBIN! AND THE NEXT TIME THIS MACHINE STARTS WORKING, WE'LL BE ABLE TO REVEAL HIS IDENTITY!

MEANWHILE...

HERE... TAKE THIS  
GLASS OF WATER,  
HUGHES! IT WILL  
MAKE YOU FEEL  
BETTER!  
LUCKY BATMAN  
CAME ALONG IN  
TIME TO SAVE YOU!

WAYNE'S BODY HAS  
DISAPPEARED JUST  
THE WAY WESTIS AND  
ECKER'S DID!



SUDDENLY,  
LIKE A  
HURRICANE'S  
BLAST...

BUT YOU WILL KNOW  
IN JUST ABOUT 30 SECONDS--  
AS SOON AS MY POCKET  
RADIO DIRECTION  
FINDER LEADS  
ME TO HIM!

BATMAN!



THIS PORTABLE RADIO TRANS-  
MITTER, CONCEALED INSIDE WEST'S CANE,  
IS WHAT CAUSED MY DIRECTION FINDER TO  
POINT TO HIS HIDING PLACE! WITH IT, HE  
SENT SIGNALS WHICH ACTIVATED THE WIRE  
RECODER AND THE 'DEATH DEVICES' WHICH  
APPEARED TO KILL ECKER AND WAYNE!



JUST THEN, AN ALL-TOO-FAMILIAR VOICE...

PROFESSOR HENDRIX!  
YOU HAVE SEEN MY POWER!  
YOU HAVE ONLY ONE CHOICE!  
GIVE ME THE SECRET FORMULA  
FOR GRINDING YOUR  
GIANT LENS!



YOU MIGHT AS  
WELL DO IT, PRO-  
FESSOR! THE OTHERS  
TRIED TO ESCAPE --  
AND FAILED! WE DON'T  
EVEN KNOW WHO'S  
GOT US  
TRAPPED  
HERE!

HERE HE IS!  
QUICK, ROBIN...  
GRAB HIS CANE!

PORTER WEST!  
BUT WE THOUGHT  
YOU WERE DEAD!



WHAT A FIENDISH  
SCHEME! WEST, YOU  
CERTAINLY DESERVE  
THE FATE YOU'LL  
RECEIVE IN THE  
**ELECTRIC CHAIR**,  
FOR MURDERING  
ECKER AND WAYNE!

NO--WEST WILL BE  
PUNISHED, BUT HE WON'T  
RECEIVE THE SUPREME  
PENALTY! YOU SEE, ECKER  
AND WAYNE ARE STILL  
ALIVE!

BUT WE SAW  
THEM KILLED!





LEADING THE BEWILDERED GROUP INTO THE LIVING ROOM, **BATMAN** PRESSES A CONCEALED BUTTON...

WHAT'S THIS?... A SECRET SET OF STAIRS LEADING UNDER THE BUILDING! IF YOU GO DOWN THERE, YOU'LL FIND WAYNE AND ECKER! BY NOW, THEY SHOULD JUST BE ROUSING FROM A HARMLESS SLEEP! **ROBIN** AND I MUST LEAVE YOU NOW, TO REPAIR THE **BATPLANE**!

AS THE THREE MILLIONAIRES DESCEND INTO THE UNACCUSTOMED DARKNESS, THEY DO NOT SEE A BLACK-CLOAKED FIGURE DASH PAST THEM--AND A MOMENT LATER...

JUST GOT OUT OF MY COSTUME IN TIME! THEY'LL THINK **BATMAN** LEFT WITH **ROBIN**!

WAYNE! ECKER! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

AND SO, AFTER THE POLICE RESCUE THE MILLIONAIRES AND JAIL WEST, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** RETURN TO THE **BATCAVE**, WHERE...

"SO WEST PRETENDED TO BE KILLED, THEN FADED THE MURDER OF YOU AND ECKER,

EH, **BAT-MAN**?

YES, **ROBIN**... HE WANTED TO FRIGHTEN THE SURVIVORS INTO GIVING UP THEIR SECRETS!

"I FIRST SUSPECTED WEST WHEN, AS **BRUCE WAYNE**, I WAS LOWERED INTO THE WELL TO TRY AND SAVE HIM..."

WEST COULDN'T HAVE FALLEN ALL THE WAY TO THE WATER! THOSE COBWEBS ARE UNBROKEN! PERHAPS THERE'S A SECRET WAY OUT OF HERE!

"AND SINCE ECKER WAS STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FLOOR--CONTACTING ONLY A POWER SOURCE, WITHOUT BEING GROUNDED HIMSELF--I KNEW HE COULDNT HAVE BEEN ELECTROCUTED..."

HIS WHITE CARNATION HAS TURNED GREEN! THERE'S A CERTAIN GAS WHICH CAN MAKE A PERSON **APPEAR DEAD**, AND WHICH CAN ALSO **TURN A FLOWER'S COLOR**! THAT GAS MUSTVE BEEN RELEASSED WITH THE ELECTRIC SPARK!

"WHEN MY NAME CAME UP, I SIMPLY STUFFED MY NOSTRILS WITH FILTERS FROM MY UTILITY BELT, AND..."

HUH? I WASN'T HIT BY ANY BULLET... IT'S JUST A GLASS PELLET WHICH RELEASES A **SLEEPING GAS** AND A **RED SUBSTANCE** WHEN IT HITS MY CHEST! LUCKY I'M WEARING THOSE FILTERS...

I'LL PLAY 'POSSUM AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT!

WHEN THE OTHERS RAN AFTER HUGHES, WEST CARRIED ME DOWN THE SECRET STAIRCASE-- JUST AS HE DID WITH ECKER--SO THAT A CLOSER EXAMINATION WOULDN'T REVEAL US TO ACTUALLY BE ALIVE!

WELL, I HOPE YOU NEVER HAVE TO PULL THAT "DYING" ACT AGAIN! IT WAS TOO REALISTIC FOR COMFORT!



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